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## NEWS ITEMS

Two years ago Major George W. Littlefield, of Austin, established at the University of Texas a fund of \$25,000 for the collection of material on the history of the South. The fund yields at present \$1,500, and for twenty-five years only the income is to be used. Realizing the need of a larger available fund, Major Littlefield, at the meeting of the regents in April, added to his gift \$5,000 for current use. Persons owning, or knowing the whereabouts of, material on any phase of southern history—old newspapers, political pamphlets, legislative journals, proceedings of conventions, reports of business or patriotic organizations, letters, manuscripts, etc.,—will do no little part in furthering the purpose of the fund, if they will kindly write to the Librarian of the University of Texas.

Mr. J. S. Cullinan, of Houston, has erected a monument on the spot approved by the San Jacinto Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic, the State Park Commissioners, and ex-Governor Colquitt, as the place where Santa Anna surrendered to six of General Houston's soldiers, April 22, 1836. The land thereabout is owned by Mr. Cullinan, and is henceforth to be known as Santa Anna Farm. *The Houston Chronicle* of April 20 gives some account of the monument and of the pains to locate it with approximate accuracy.

A portrait of John A. Wharton has been hung in the parlors of the Rice Hotel at Houston. A sketch of Wharton appears in the *Houston Post* of May 7, 1916.

J. E. McAshan, a pioneer banker of Houston, died at his home April 19, 1916. He was born at La Grange, Texas, October 20, 1857.

William Ritter von Streeruwitz, one time State Geologist of Texas, died at Houston April 19, 1916. He was eighty-three years of age, a native of Bohemia.